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SUBJ: HEAVY FIGHTING ERUPTS BETWEEN SOVIET AND AFGHAN FORCES  
IN KABUL

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1930 DEC 27 HEAVY FIGHTING BROKE OUT IN  
KABUL INVOLVING THE UNITS OF THE SOVIET FORCES BROUGHT INTO  
THIS CITY OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS. THERE HAS BEEN HEAVY FIGHTING  
AT RADIO AFGHANISTAN (RA) NEXT TO THE EMBASSY, AND TWO TANKS  
HAVE BEEN KNOCKED OUT AND ARE BURNING BEHIND RA. THE SOVIET  
FORCES WERE SEEN MOVING QUICKLY TO SECURE RA, AND IT APPEARS  
INITIALLY THAT THEY CAUGHT THE AFGHAN UNITS BY SURPRISE.  
IT REMAINS UNCLEAR, HOWEVER, WHETHER ALL AFGHAN MILITARY UNITS  
ARE RESISTING THE SOVIET FORCES. THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNS THAT FIGHTING  
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MAY BE TAKING PLACE IN OR AROUND SOME OF THE MILITARY BASES ON  
THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CAPITAL. THERE HAS AS YET BEEN NO AIR ACTIVITY  
OF ANY KIND OVER THE CITY. AFGHANS HAVE BEEN SEEN  
AS PRISONERS OF SOVIET TROOPS AT RA. OUR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT  
IS THAT ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE AFGHAN MILITARY HAS  
SPLIT INTO PRO AND ANTI-SOVIET ELEMENTS AS A REACTION TO THE  
RECENT MASSIVE AIRLIFT, WE MAY ALSO BE LOOKING AT A SOVIET ATTEMPT

TO OVERTHROW THE PRESENT AFGHAN REGIME BY FORCE.

2. WE ARE IN A PHASE THREE ALERT AND ALL AMERICANS HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO REMAIN WHERE THEY ARE FOR THE NIGHT. NO AMERICANS HAVE BEEN REPORTED INJURED IN THE FIGHTING. THE MISSION IS MANNED BY A SKELTON STAFF, AND WE ARE IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY BY RADIO. THE CITY'S PHONE SYSTEM IS DEAD. THE EMBASSY BUILDING HAS BEEN HIT BY SMALL ARMS FIRE, BUT NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE HAS BEEN CAUSED.

3. AT ABOUT 2215, SOMEONE BROKE IN TO THE HERETOFORE REGULAR RADIO AFGHANISTAN PROGRAMMING AND ANNOUNCED THAT "AMIN IS FINISHED, AMIN WAS NO GOOD, WE SUPPORT ALL AFGHANS AND MULLAHS." THIS PARTICULAR AND VERY BRIEF TRANSMISSION WAS NOT OF HIGH QUALITY, BUT THAT COULD INDICATE THAT IT DID IN FACT EMANATE FROM THE EMBATTLED RADIO AFGHANISTAN BUILDING NEXT DOOR. THE SPEAKER DID NOT IDENTIFY HIMSELF, NOR DID HE APPARENTLY EXTEND HIS WRATH TO THE PARTY OR THE REVOLUTION.

4. WE HAVE NO IDEA OF THE PRESENT FATE OF HAFIZULLAH AMIN NOR HIS SUPPORTERS. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT THE SOVIET UNITS CONTROL THE RADIO AFGHANISTAN COMPOUND, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY NOT FULLY CONTROL ACCESS TO ALL MICROPHONES. DANCE MUSIC HAS NOW RETURNED TO THE AIRWAVES.

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5. AS OF 2230, FIGHTING HAS DIED DOWN NEAR THE EMBASSY, BUT SOUNDS OF DISTANT FIRING IN VARIOUS DIRECTIONS CONTINUE. TRACER ROUNDS HAVE BEEN SEEN IN THE DIRECTION OF KABUL AIRPORT, AND AT ABOUT 2200 A TBNB TURBOPROP AIRCRAFT WAS HEARD OVER THE CITY. IT IS NOT SURE THAT IT ATTEMPTED TO LAND.  
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